

[Mr. K. George.]

upon to publish unreserved expression of regret for having published certain objectionable articles, failing which they were told that Government would be constrained to take action against them.

(e) (1) The 'Navasakti', (2) The 'Powra Prabha' and (3) The 'Prathdinam'.

Standard of knowledge of V. S. L. C. Holders.

66. **MR. ITTOOP ITTECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they consider that the age and standard of knowledge of the V. S. L. C. holders are sufficient for the profession of Vernacular School teachers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. Under Rule 54 (a) of the Education Code, the V. S. L. C. is a prescribed general educational qualification for teachers of Classes I to IV of Primary Schools.

Under Rule 55, no one will be granted a license to teach if he is not 16 years of age.

Seats for women in Municipal Councils.

67. **MRS. ELIZABETH KURUVILA** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they realise the incongruity of continuing to maintain at the present time the clause in the Municipal Regulation debarring women from seats on Municipal Councils?

MR. F. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes; and they have asked the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil to make suitable provisions for removing the incongruity in the draft Bills he has under preparation to amend the Municipal Regulation.

Construction of a Legislative Council Hall.

68. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the question of the construction of a Legislative Council Hall is still (16-4-1106) engaging their attention;

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the extent to which it has progressed and the reason for the delay in carrying out the proposal; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) is in the negative, the time at which and the manner in which the question was disposed of?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) Yes.

(b) The Government have not yet decided the site on which the Council Hall should be located.

(c) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (b).

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): With reference to part (b), may I know whether the Government had fixed any site at any time and whether such sites were considered by Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Two sites were considered. One was on the recommendation of the committee. That site is the one opposite to the Public Offices covering the Imperial Bank of India and a few acres adjacent to that. That was found to cost if you acquire it and build the Council Hall on it, about five or six lakhs of rupees. Government thought that that was too expensive a proposition; and so, another site was thought of. That was, the site on this side of the law College. That, on consideration, was found to be too small for the purpose. The matter lies there.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): When was it found that the second site was not sufficient for the purpose?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That was in 1927.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know how I am to reconcile the following observations of the Dewan-President of this Council on the 9th August 1928 with the answer now given by the Chief Secretary.

"MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, in regard to the Council Hall, Government are equally interested in having one as early as possible. And, with this object, ever since the resolution was passed, Government have been, in correspondence with the Chief Engineer; but unfortunately he is not able to select a suitable site.

"PRESIDENT: That is not quite correct. The site has been settled, the preliminary plans have been drawn up and we are only waiting to bring forward a supplementary grant for the purpose.

"MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I was not aware of that.

"PRESIDENT: The plans were shown to the members at the last Finance Committee meeting"?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am now answering from the papers now before me. Perhaps, the then Dewan-President had before him certain other papers, relating to the question which I do not now have before me. That is all I can say. His answer might have been based on papers in his personal custody.

Senior District Superintendent of Police.

69. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): With reference to the statement, "and the Senior District Superintendent became the Personal Assistant", made by the Commissioner of Police during the Budget Session of the Council on the 13th August 1930 (pp. 775-776 of Vol. XVII of the Council Proceedings), will the Government be pleased to state when Mr. Pitchu Aiyangar was declared the senior of all the District Superintendents?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Mr. Pitchu Aiyangar has not been declared by Government to be the senior of all the District Superintendents of Police.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I wish to know whether the Commissioner of Police did not refer to Mr. Pitchu Aiyangar when he spoke of the senior District Superintendent of Police being his Personal Assistant?